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TO MOUNTAINEERS--
WOULD-BE MOUNTAINEERS--
AND NON-MOUNTAINEERS--
BE ARMCHAIR MOUNTAINEERS!

Come with us while we fly via Canada's Queen Charlotte Air Lines to ethereal Ghost Lake. From there we will take you over Nabob Pass to the splendors of the Tiedemann Glacier Gorge. Ascents will be made of Mt. Waddington's precipitous north and east walls. After that, we will make many first ascents of the surrounding peaks. At the end of four weeks of glorious climbing, we will make the back-breaking trek out to civilization. Carrying 80-pound packs, we will spend five days crossing glaciers, raging torrents, flower-strewn meadows and tall northern forests.

To be with us, come on October 24, 8 PM, to the Everett Junior High School, 16th and Church Streets, San Francisco.

SIERRANS MEET BRITISH SKIER

Arnold Lunn, famous English skier, mountaineer and author (seven of his books are in the Sierra Club library) recently spent some time in the Bay region en route to England on his current world tour. On his evening "off" from formal engagements about two dozen Sierra Club directors and leaders were fortunate in enjoying several hours of conversation with him. Mr. Lunn discussed cross-country and competitive skiing, ski tests and techniques, and a wide range of mountaineering incidents and anecdotes. The gathering was held at the home of Florence and Bestor Robinson.

CHAPTER ELECTION COMING UP

Ballots have now been mailed to all Bay Chapter members with a list of fine and able nominees for the next Executive Committee. It is your privilege to help choose this committee, which represents you in all chapter business and activities. It meets once a month in the club offices, passes on expenditures and keeps track of chapter funds, receives reports of all chapter committees and discusses their proposed plans.

It is important that you be represented by your vote. Read the information sheet which accompanies your ballot, and make your choice. Listed below are the fifteen candidates. Vote for not more than nine:

William Colvig
Eleonore "Ted" Ginno
Louis R. Henrich
William A. Horsfall
E. "Curly" LeClercq
Keith Lummis
L. Bruce Meyer, M. D.
R. E. "Rod" Newman
Edna Spalding
Allen P. Steck
Walter Strohmaier
Barbara Tilden
Ramona Wascher
Edgar Wayburn, M. D.
J. Randolph Weinman

Be sure your ballots reach the Sierra Club office, 1050 Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street, on or before 12:00 noon, Saturday, October 28, 1950.

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YODELEARS HEAR--

--of the marriage last month, in Barnstaple, North Devon, England, of Madeline Holcomb and George Arthur Codding, Jr. They expect to remain in Europe for another year.

--that Elsie Bell Earnshaw has been touring South Africa. She has been in Capetown, Port Elizabeth, Lourenco Marques, Kruger National Park, Victoria Falls, etc. She will return via South America and the Panama Canal, and expects to be home at the end of December.

--of two new future citizens and Sierrans, born in Woodland on October 5: Louise Annette, daughter of Mary and Bob Brinton; and also a daughter to Viola and Milton Hildebrand (our correspondent doesn't supply her name).

--that Paul Pfeiffer, who entertained High-Trippers with his fine campfire songs, also gives blackface renditions at Watsonville High School football rallies, according to a clipping we've received.

--that a park in Michigan City, Indiana, has friendly signs which read:

HERE the young may find romance;
the old may find rest;
all may find entertainment,
pleasure and enjoyment.
AID us in protecting your park
from vandals.

FOR SALE: Skis, metal edge 6'6", 7'. Reasonable. Men's White Stag 30/32 pants, never worn. PR 6-0493.

LONG-RANGE ROGUE RIVER STUDY PLANNED

Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman has ordered further investigation of the Rogue River basin of Oregon, looking toward a "balanced multi-purpose development and conservation of the natural resources."

Chapman said his department has fairly complete information on irrigation and power aspects of a plan for developing the basin. But it needs equally detailed information on the scenic, recreation, and fish and wildlife aspects, he said.

The fish study alone will take four to five years. The Rogue basin is a wilderness sports fishing and recreation area, but it is also a potentially important irrigation, power, and flood control site, according to Chapman. He has ordered specific studies on:

1--Fish in the Rogue and its tributaries through "at least a full fish cycle." The Fish and Wildlife Service has said this would cover four to five years--the time between the spawning of salmon and steelhead trout and their return as mature fish.

2--Scenic and recreational resources of the region.

3--Basic water and geologic data and analyses of mineral potentials.

Chapman directed that these investigations be co-ordinated by the Pacific Northwest Field Committee, composed of regional heads of Interior Department agencies in the Northwest, for a "truly comprehensive plan." When a feasible plan is made, he said, it will be submitted to the States and Federal departments concerned for comment. Then it will be sent to Congress.

CALL FOR BACK ISSUES OF SCB

Have you any old Sierra Club Bulletins (monthlies) in your desk or around your house? The club office has plenty of most of the back issues, but finds it has only a very short supply of the following:

February	1946
April	1946
January	1947
April	1947
February	1948
October	1949

The office will appreciate receiving copies of these from any member who can spare them.

NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION

Coming Events

October 29--Geology trip, Marin County, by charter bus; Mary Chamberlain, leader. This trip was originally worked out by the State Division of Mines. Fare $1.75. Mail checks for reservations to Malcolm Smith, Box 173, Larkspur, or, if pressed for time, to San Francisco (care of Masten and Hurd, 526 Powell Street) on or before Thursday, October 26. Bus will leave 7th Street Greyhound Station at 8 AM, going by Fairfax, Camp Taylor and Olema to Inverness. Lunch near Inverness. Return is by Stinson Beach.

Paleobotany in Tilden Park

Under the leadership of Dick Leonard, on Sunday, October 8, a party of 22 NSS'ers met at the Tilden Park Nature Area, lured by the hope of seeing some sites for finding fossil wood specimens and the geologic features of the Hayward fault. After a brief stop at the Junior Museum, and an introduction to Ranger-Naturalist, Jack Parker, we started up a side canyon.

Our first stop was at a soda spring, where we found a group of salt-loving plants, usually found along the bay or sea shores. The group included salt grass and Triglochin Maritima.

Shortly afterward, the party descended into the deep, but narrow gully. The stream was still flowing quite vigorously, with slender stems of creek dogwood, poison oak, elder and other plants rising on all sides to form a leafy canopy overhead. Specimens of fossil rock, washed out by the action of the stream, were found in many places.

Shortly before lunch time, we were led to a fossil tree trunk. It was almost complete, although its condition indicated that it had been lying there for a long period of time. Dick suggested that we try to find the junction of the tree with the rock, but after considerable digging with a trench shovel, we had to give up for this time.

Many of the group finished off the day lunching under the spreading oaks. Almost all the group finished off the week checking the spread of poison oak contracted during the trip.

ADD-LIBEING

A contest!

Yup, a contest--to uncover the most suitable design for a bookplate for tomes newly acquired by the Club Library.

The prize is a year's subscription to that well known yellow sheet, the Sierra Club Yodeler. In the event that the winner is already a subscriber, his subscription will be extended for one year.

The bookplate should be the usual size and should be adaptable both to volumes which are received in the regular course of library activities and those which are given to the club. In the latter case the plates should have a place for an inscription such as "_____ Memorial Collection" or "Presented by_____."

This is a mighty important contest since the library is about out of bookplates. So please don't fail us, all you budding artists (or even blooming ones).

If needed, further details may be obtained at any Tuesday evening Library Committee meeting.

ALONG THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

On Wednesday evening, October 12, at its regularly scheduled East Bay program, the Bay Chapter was treated to a hiking trip along the Appalachian Trail. Photochromes were lent by the Appalachian Trails Conference and Larry Curl, chapter member.

The long trail starts in Maine, traverses the New England states and the states of the Atlantic seaboard, winds through the Appalachian Mountains and ends in Georgia. Shelter huts accomodating six persons, and fireplaces, have been erected at regular distances along much of the trail, making it accessible and enjoyable for many more than knapsack hikers. While the Appalachian Trail is not as remote or as primitive as the trails along the Sierra crest, it nevertheless provides the outdoor vacationist with ample opportunity for climbing and hiking through beautifully wooded country and mountainous regions.

The running commentary accompanying the slides was ably presented by Neva Snell, supplemented by Larry Curl. The teamwork of the commentators and the projectionist, Frank Hewitt, greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the program.

ARMISTICE DAY DOUBLE-HEADER

The week end of November 11-12 offers Sierrans a most unusual trip to a famous but seldom visited State Park (Fremont Peak), and an even more famous and much visited State Historical Monument--San Juan Bautista.

A hundred years ago, before the railroad, San Juan Bautista was one of the most important cities in California. It boasted a fine hotel, a beautiful mission and was served by six stage coach lines.

Today this city has been reconstructed to look as it did in the days when padres, Indians, vaqueros and miners from the New Idria quick-silver mine walked the streets.

You can see the old livery stable, the blacksmith shop, and the saloon with ancient slot machines and pool table. You can examine the signatures of Easterners, Mexican dons and soldiers written with a great flourish a hundred years ago in the hotel register. You can climb the narrow staircase and see four-posters, crazy-quilts and pin-up girls. Then there's Zanette House, Castro House and the mission, the largest in California.

The unique feature of this State Monument is that practically all the tools, utensils and other objects are not labeled and under glass cages - they give the impression that someone just left them there 10 minutes ago.

The Curator, who has done an inspired job in recreating the colorful past, will escort the Sierra Club through on Saturday, November 11. Please meet at 10:30 in front of the mission. (It's about 2½ hours' driving time from San Francisco) See your Schedule for directions.

Co-leader Suzanne Reichard has planned a rip-roarin' campfire for Saturday night atop Fremont Peak.

Sunday there will be a very easy hike along the ridge, and if it's a clear day we'll be able to see the ocean.

For transportation call the leaders, Bill Colvig, TUxedo 5-9526 or Barbara Tilden, HUmboldt 3-9521.

FOR SALE: Year-round mountain home at Rainbow Tavern on Highway 40, near Donner Summit. Ideal for group of skiers. Completely furnished--sleeps ten. Fireplace, gas furnace and stove, radio, hot water heater, electricity. Owner Mrs. Walter Tindell, Route 2, Box 498, Lodi. Phone Lodi 376.

KNAPSACK TRIP CONDENSED

Wayne Zenger is in the Army now and so the knapsack trip to Inverness Ridge on which he worked so hard, scheduled for October 7-8, turned into a twelve-mile Sunday hike with Helene Glass and Larry Armstrong pinch-hitting as leaders.

After driving five miles beyond Olema, 25 ex-packrats started walking (at Helen's briskest pace) over Inverness Ridge, through part of the Black Forest, hiking over private land in the most beautiful part of Marin on the most beautiful day of the year. The three, including Larry, who took off on a private scouting trip during the morning, lunched, as planned, at Bass (or Crescent) Lake, one of the few natural lakes in Marin; the rest of us made another change in plan. We crossed the waterfall called A La Mere and negotiated a 100-foot precipitous drop down a cliff thoughtfully equipped with 3 fixed pitons and a rope. Then we lunched on the beach at the foot of the fall and looked at the Farallones and Point Reyes. Several people collected driftwood forms and one fellow picked up a starfish with much advice about drying it out sans smell.

Despite the warning in the last issue of the Yodeler, we didn't encounter any bulls; cattle round-up time was over. We marvelled at the flocks of brown pelicans and the unusually heavy growth of Douglas fir. Our thirst obscured all other topics of conversation on the way back to the cars, and everyone descended on Sundeborg's for liquid refreshment. Next time, Mrs. Sundeborg said, she'd have food for us as well. --Mildred Holota

WEST POINT INN--NOVEMBER

		Evenings
4-5	Mrs. John Sinclair	PR 5-4974
*11-12	Ollo Baldauf	OV 1-5706
*18-19	Avis Burchard	WE 1-0739
	- Marj. Hart	
25-26	Mrs. Jack Daly	DO 2-0510

* Central Commissary

If hostess can't be reached call TU 5-0514

FOR SALE: Man's lightweight bicycle, three-speed gears, handbrakes. Call Alan Stiles, AS 3-9758, evenings.

FINAL FACTS ON FUN AND FROLIC

A most interesting evening has been planned for Saturday, November 4, the date on which the Sierra Club Harvest Frolic gets under way in the Brazilian Room at Tilden Park, Berkeley. Maximum dividends in entertainment, food, and conviviality are assured by the committee in charge of the affair, at a minimum cost. Tickets ($1.25 per person) are now on sale at the Sierra Club office in the Mills Building, San Francisco, or may be purchased from any of the committee members.

Transportation to the Brazilian Room should prove no problem to car owners or bus riders. If you bring your own car, drive out Euclid Avenue to the reservoir and follow the signs for Charles Lee Tilden Park. Shasta Road is another direct route into the park. If you are peripatetic and come by bus, take the #7 Euclid at University Avenue, northeast bound, and ride to the end of the line. A Sierra Club "shuttle service" from the end of the bus line to the Brazilian room will operate between 6:00 and 6:30.

A delicious surprise "box supper" will be served at 6:30, and entertainment and dancing will get under way later in the evening. We hope to meet representatives from all the Sierra Club groups, and their guests, at this evening of HARVEST FROLIC!



EAST BAY DINNER FEATURE

John Thomas Howell will speak on "Plants and Flowers of the Sierra" at the East Bay Dinner meeting on Wednesday, October 25. His talk will be illustrated with Kodachrome slides from the Sierra Club's collection. For reservations phone Hallie Curl, LA 6-7004, by Monday, October 23.

BOLINAS RIDGE--THE EASY WAY

Everyone who looked out of his window yesterday and climbed back into bed, thinking it would be a cold freezing day as it often is on Bolinas Ridge, may be disappointed to know that it was not.

It turned out to be fine and warm, with splendid sights in every direction. The woods and fields were lovely to see, and there were fine views of Mt. Diablo and Mt. St. Helena in the distance. To the west of us lay the great Black Forest, in parts of which we spent a pleasant Sunday the week before.

The hike is a long one, and leader Dora Smoker kept the crowd moving at a good pace, even though the group of old-time Bolinas Ridge-runners was sometimes more inclined to conversation than perambulation. The only incident of the day was the discovery of two infant rattlesnakes, which were left unharmed, rather against the better judgment of some in the party (but the majority ruled).

The chartered bus awaited us on schedule at Camp Taylor, and a refreshment stop at Fairfax brightened the trip back to San Francisco.

SATURDAY'S CHILDREN TAKE A HIKE

Saturday morning, October 14, fifteen hikers left San Francisco fog for the sunshine of Marin County. Under the pleasant leadership of Margaret Hanson and Shirley Conrad, we proceeded from Pan Toll via Stapelveldt, Ben Johnson and Nature Trails to Muir Woods, our lunch spot. This leisurely Saturday hike was a great joy for those who like to stop occasionally just to look and listen. There was even time to read all the markers on the Nature Trail, describing the flora in that region. After lunch, and searching for the sun, we took trails leading to Mountain Home and to Mill Valley.

Joe Hilbers, a member of the Wasatch Mountain Club of Salt Lake City, was a guest for the day. He apparently enjoyed the trip and is enthusiastic about the Sierra Club.

Future Saturday hikes are being planned with a view to giving beginners a chance to spend a pleasant day out of doors. Surely there are prospective members who would welcome the opportunity to become acquainted in this way with other Sierrans, who may also wish to hike in a more leisurely fashion.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHAPTER

Listed October 2, 1950 - Date of Election December 1,1950

APPLICANTS	SPONSORS
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I like to climb beside the sea

For the simple reason that

When there's water under me

I might go S P L A S H !

but won't go S P L A T !!!

(Ed. Note: We assume that this verse, from Bill Godfrey, refers to next Sunday's Devils Slide climb, and not to the Yosemite climbs of October 8, about which we hoped to hear. But we wouldn't be sure.)